

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

DATE: February 12, 2003

CLEAN WATER ACT

2-43. Section 404 Dredged and Fill Material Permitting

1. PURPOSE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY.

A. Purpose. To redelegate the authority contained in Delegation 2-43 issued by EPA Headquarters on April 14, 1995.

B. Authority. To approve grants pursuant to Section 104 (b) (3) of the Clean Water Act for research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies related to development of wetlands protection programs, including those programs to issue permits for disposal and dredged or fill material (Section 404 (g)).

2. TO WHOM DELEGATED. The Director, Office of Ecosystem Protection (OEP).

3. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY. This authority may not be redelegated.

4. LIMITATIONS. The Director, OEP, may exercise this authority for research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstrations, surveys and studies having Regional applicability (e.g., development of public education materials for a particular State wetlands protection program, development of wetlands evaluation techniques designed for a specific wetland type found in one Region, etc.).

5. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES. Delegation 1-14, *Assistance Agreements*.

6. SUPERSESSON. None.

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